Order of Service

Welcome

Prelude "Evening Primrose" (by B. Mayerl) Evelyn Rohrbach

Ringing of the Bell

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,
All: The One who calls us,
Leader: The One who equips us,
All: The One who loves us without end.
Leader: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

Holy One, in Jesus you called Peter to feed your sheep—to tend your people. He had denied you three times, but now he renewed his commitment to your way. May we, too, commit ourselves to tending your people. And when we fail, remind us that we can begin again. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Will You Come and Follow Me?" (attached) SoF #135

Dedication and Thanks

God who heals us and gathers us in community, we ask your blessing on our new hearing assistance technology. Thank you for those whose support has made this installation possible. May all who have trouble with hearing challenges be able to make use of this assistance so that they can participate fully in the worship, prayer, and learning that can sustain them in their journey of life and faith. Amen.

Scripture Reading David Cook
John 21:4-17
"The Gardener," by Mary Oliver

Special Music "His Eye is on the Sparrow" (Arr. Roy Ringwald) Senior Choir

Sermon *Love in Action* Rev. Kathleen Remund

Transitional Music "The Beautiful Garden" (by E. Oliverio) Evelyn Rohrbach

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer
Our Father/Mother/Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory "Sun of My Soul" (by H. A. Matthews) Evelyn Rohrbach

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**
God of all good gifts, thank you for calling us into community and inviting us to give our lives in service to your people. May these offerings today help us to tend your people in this congregation and beyond, and bring us ever closer to your Reign of love and justice. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "Send Down the Fire" (attached) SoF #113

***Benediction**

Leader: May God bless the world in which you move, and bless your home and bless your friends. May God bless the eyes with which you see, and the ears with which you listen. May God bless the way you use your hands and the way you employ your tongues. May God bless your tending, and your being tended—today and in the days to come.

All: Amen.

Sung Benediction

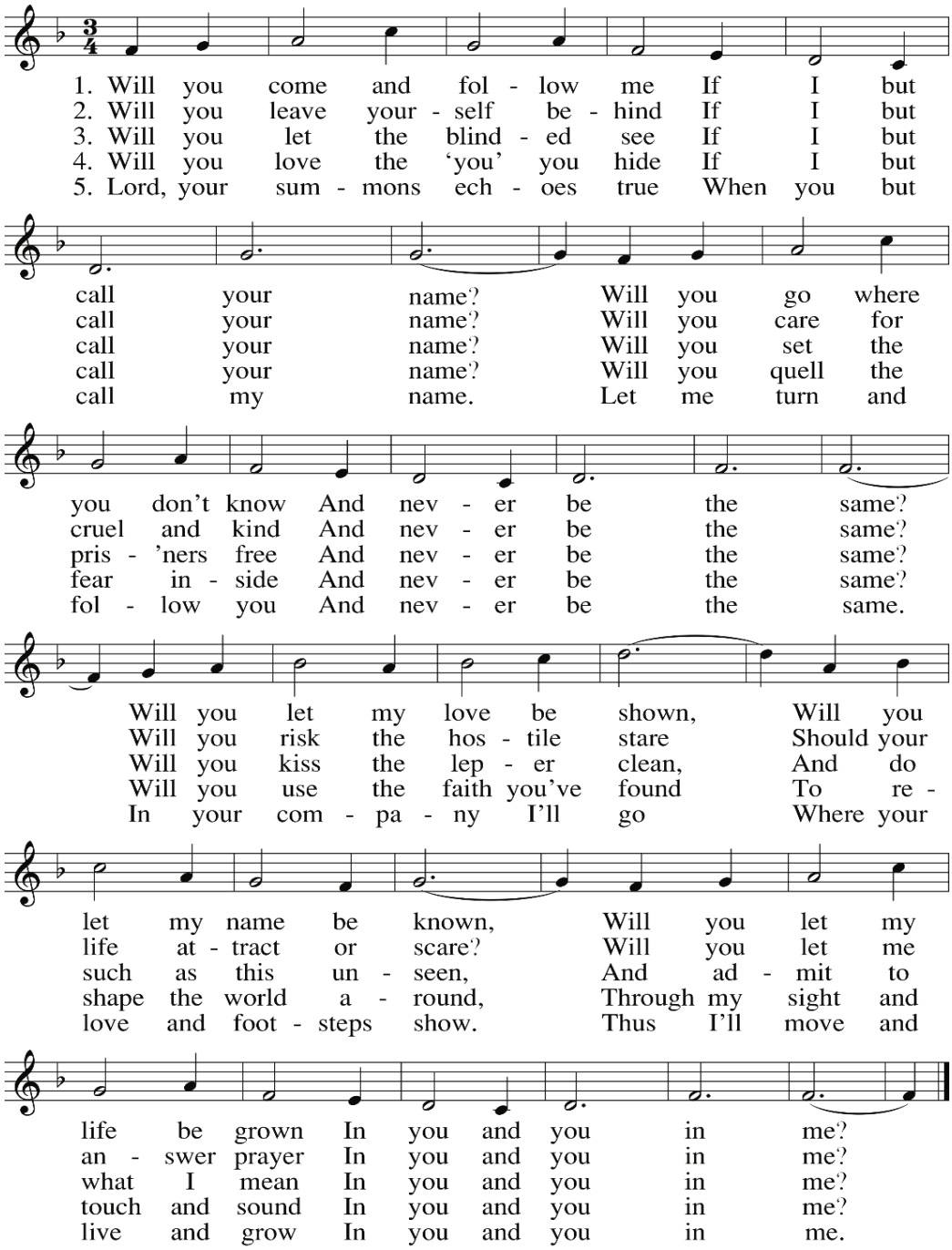
God, be with you till we meet again;
By their counsels guide, uphold you;
With their sheep securely fold you;
God, be with you till we meet again.

Postlude "Otch Nache" (by J.S. Bach) Evelyn Rohrbach

The flowers by the piano today are to celebrate Naomi Cummings for her special birthday on the 10th and to honor her 12 years as director of the Bridge to Hope. Her leadership has been exemplary and accomplishments too numerous to list. From her "forever sister" Kathy Colvin.

The second set of flowers are from Pastor Kathleen,
in celebration of the birthday of her wife, Diane Light.

Will You Come and Follow Me


1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but
call your name? Will you go where
call your name? Will you care for
call your name? Will you set the
call your name? Will you quell the
call my name. Let me turn and
you don't know And nev - er be the same?
cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
fol - low you And nev - er be the same.
Will you let my love be shown, Will you
Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
Will you use the faith you've found To re -
In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your
let my name be known, Will you let my
life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and
life be grown In you and you in me?
an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
what I mean In you and you in me?
touch and sound In you and you in me?
live and grow In you and you in me.

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Send Down the Fire

Refrain
Send down the fire of your jus - tice,
Send down the rains of your love; Come,
send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and
we shall be peo - ple of God.
Verses
1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion,
2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy,
3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,
4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom,
Teach us the song of your love; Give us
Teach us the way of your peace; Give us
Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us
Give us the pres - ence of Christ; May your
hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring, Make us
hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal, Make us
right - eous souls, 'Til your jus - tice rolls, Make us
ho - ly light Keep us shin - ing bright, Ev - er
D.C.
ring with the song of your love.
walk in the way of your peace.
burn with the fire of your truth.
shine with the pres - ence of Christ.

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